

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2995 - HB 2723

March 12, 1998

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires mandatory membership in Tennessee One Call for all natural gas systems in Tennessee by removing a current exemption for Cheatham, Robertson and Montgomery Counties. Reduces the notification period from 3 to 2 working days before the actual date of excavation or demolition. Increases the fine for violating the provisions of the Underground Utility Damage Prevention Act from \$1,000 to \$25,000 for each violation. Actions to recover the penalty shall be brought by the attorney general and reporter at the request of any person in the chancery or circuit court in the county in which the cause arose or in which the defendant has its principal place of business or resides.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues - Not Significant

Other Fiscal Impact - The Tennessee Regulatory Authority has stated that failure to make the changes proposed in this bill regarding the One-Call Damage Prevention Program may result in future losses in federal grant allocation funding.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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